

4. Maa Anand Mai, Patparganj.
5. Deepak Motors, Jhilmil
6. Queens Road S/Stn. Vasant Vihar.
7. Kingsway S/Stn. Mall Road.
8. Centre Half S/Stn. Joseph Broz Tito Marg.
9. Dingra S/Stn. Chirag Delhi.
10. Rajkumar S/Stn., IIT Crossing.

(d) Facilities like canopy, RCC Driveway, Multi Product Dispensing Units, Convenience Store, Automatic Car Washing Facility, Quick Lube Oil Change Facilities, etc. are proposed to be made available by IOC at these retail outlets.

#### Projects for Approval

1848. SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) the details of projects submitted to Planning Commission for approval by the Maharashtra Government during the last three years; and

(b) the present position of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) The details of projects received for investment clearance in the Planning Commission for the State of Maharashtra during the last three years are annexed.

(b) All the projects mentioned in the Statement have been cleared by the Planning Commission.

#### STATEMENT

Name of the Project	(Rs. crores)	
	Estimated Cost	Cleared by TAC on
1. Temvhapuri Medium Irrigation Project	18.09	24.6.1994
2. Shivnatakli Medium Irrigation Project	34.76	24.6.1994
3. Bor Dahgaon Medium Irrigation Project	16.27	24.12.1994

[English]

#### Pro-India Militants

1849. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether pro-India militants have gone underground in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether these militants rejoined the separatist groups;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) to (d). Government are aware of various such reports that have appeared from time to time in the media.

(e) Both the Central and State Governments have reiterated that suitable measures would be taken to encourage and rehabilitate all those who move away from the path of terrorist and secessionist violence, towards the democratic process and the main stream of society.

#### LPG Gas Dealers

1850. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of LPG gas dealers in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, district wise;

(b) the number of connections registered with each one of them;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reduce the number of LPG connections and open more LPG outlets for speedy and better consumer service;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) the number of Emergency services run in Delhi; and

(f) whether the existing emergency services is not considered sufficient and there is need for opening more emergency services to attend emergency calls in minimum time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). As on 1.10.1996, 270, 167 and 660 LPG distributorships with a customer population of 17.51 lakhs, 8.01 lakhs and 35.39 lakhs respectively were in operation in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

(c) and (d). Depending upon the population of the town and keeping in view viability of operation, refill ceiling sale, ranging from 5000-9000 has been fixed for LPG distributorships in the States of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh. Restructuring the area of operation of the distributorships is considered in respect of the LPG distributorships operating above the ceiling limit fixed for the area and new distributorships are opened in towns with a population of 10000 and above, subject to viability of operations, in a phased manner, depending upon product availability.

(e) and (f). Five Emergency Service Cells are being operated by Oil Industry in Delhi, which are considered sufficient for the present in Delhi.

[Translation]

#### Kerosene Oil Agencies

1851. DR. BALIRAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the places in Uttar Pradesh for which advertisement for allotment of LPG: Petrol/Diesel and Kerosene Oil agencies were published during the last three years;

(b) the names of the places for which allotment were made/not made alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the places included in marketing scheme and the dates of their interview?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). During the last three years, oil companies issued advertisements for 417 retail outlets, 228 LPG distributorships and 58 SKO/LDO dealerships in Uttar Pradesh. Out of the above, interviews were held for 275 ROs, 98 LPG distributorships and 25 SKO/LDO dealerships and Letters of Intent were issued for 266 retail outlets, 98 LPG distributorships and 24 SKO/LDO dealerships. Letter of Intent in 9 retail outlets and 1 SKO/LDO dealership have not yet been issued. In remaining 142 retail outlet dealerships, 130 LPG distributorships and 30 SKO/LDO dealerships, interviews have not been conducted.

#### English as Compulsory Subject

1852. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether English is a compulsory subject in the Civil Services Examination conducted by Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the views of Chief Ministers were invited in respect of continuance or withdrawal of English as a subject in accordance with the recommendations of the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) and (b). There is a Compulsory paper on English in the written test of the

Civil Services (Main) Examination. The paper is of matriculation standard and the marks obtained in it do not count for final ranking. Such a paper was recommended by the Kothari Committee and is a part of the revised scheme of the examination introduced in 1979.

(c) to (d). Yes Sir The views of most of the Chief Ministers on the recommendations of the Dr. Satish Chandra Committee have been received. The Government is of the view that it would be possible to take a decision on the general language policy for the examinations of UPSC only after a wider consensus is achieved.

[English]

#### Fire at Tankage Plant

1853. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a major fire broke out at the additional tankage plant of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited at Visakhapatnam on the November 9, 1996;

(b) if so, the causes thereof;

(c) the damage caused due to the said fire;

(d) the persons killed/injured in the fire, and

(e) the measures taken to check the recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (e). A fire broke out on 8th November, 1996 at additional tankage projects site of HPCL outside the main refinery complex at Visakhapatnam. The fire was caused due to ignition of Naphtha which migrated to the additional tankage project site through the Naphtha shipping line.

The pipeline manifolds and Naphta tank were damaged due to the fire. The incident has resulted in the death of two persons. Three persons suffered injuries.

A Committee has been constituted by HPCL to recommend measures to prevent recurrence of such incidents.

#### Hydro Power Generation

1854. SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY :  
SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the share of installed hydro-generation capacity in the total generation capacity in the country has come down;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;